Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 29 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 30 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 29 Dec 2020 at 02:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold weather continuing and for further snow showers.

Headline for Tuesday 29 Dec 2020: Rather cloudy with occasional snow showers. Bitterly cold on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 29 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
40%	50%	50%	50%	40%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 29 Dec 2020

Weather: Rather cloudy with occasional snow showers feeding in from the north. The showers will be mostly light but the odd heavier one is likely over north Highlands. Fewer showers and some sunshine towards Knoydart.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% but 50% in south of area. Extensive around 600 to 700m but the cloud more broken in south of area allowing some tops to be cloud-free..

Visibility: Generally good between the showers but very poor near showers and virtually zero visibility as heavier showers pass by.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	16/19 NW	21/25 N	25/31 N	26/32 N	24/30 NW	20/25 NW	18/22 NW
900	13/16 NW	18/22 N	23/29 N	24/31 N	23/28 NW	19/25 NW	16/21 NW
600	9/12 N	10/14 N	16/22 N	16/23 N	14/21 NW	11/17 NW	9/15 NW
300	2/14 N	2/16 N	6/23 N	9/25 N	8/24 N	6/19 NW	5/16 NW
Glen	5/11 N	6/14 N	11/24 N	11/24 N	11/23 N	8/18 NW	8/15 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-10	-3/-10	-3/-11	-3/-12	-4/-12	-5/-12	-6/-13
900	-3/-9	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11	-5/-12
600	-1/-5	-0/-5	-0/-6	-1/-7	-2/-7	-2/-7	-3/-8
300	-0/-2	0/-2	0/-2	1/-3	-0/-4	-0/-4	-1/-4
Glen	2/0	2/-0	2/-2	3/-1	3/-2	2/-1	2/-1
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	400m	300m	300m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold over higher ridges/summits. Combination of sub-zero temperatures and fresh to strong northwesterly winds. Temperatures in the glens will be much lower where there is snow on the ground.

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Dec 2020

Weather: Another cold day with snow showers but they will be fewer and lighter than on Tuesday with more in the way of sunshine. However it will continue to feel bitterly cold on the tops.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly winds with average speeds about 20mph over higher ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% with occasional cloud cover about 700m.

Visibility: Very good generally but patches of very poor visibility in association with snow showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius rising briefly to plus 2 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Temperatures will remain below freezing at most levels.

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